

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 sub 1. A method for identifying playback devices of a plurality of client apparatuses
2 Al which are networked to simultaneously playback an event, comprising the
3 steps of:
- 4 (a) identifying a type of the playback device of each of the client apparatuses;
 - 5 (b) looking up a command associated with the identified type of the playback
6 device; and
 - 7 (c) sending the command to the corresponding client apparatus for beginning the
8 playback of the event simultaneously with the playback of the event on each
9 of the remaining client apparatuses.
- 1 2. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the event includes a video and audio
2 presentation.
- 1 3. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the type of the playback device is
2 identified utilizing the network.
- 1 4. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the network is a wide area network.
- 1 5. A method as recited in claim 1, and further comprising the step of storing on
2 the client apparatus an identifier of a host server that sent the command.
- 1 6. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the memory includes a digital video
2 disc (DVD).
- 1 7. A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for
2 identifying playback devices of a plurality of client apparatuses which are
3 networked to simultaneously playback an event, comprising:

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- 7 (c) logic for sending the command to the corresponding client apparatus for
8 beginning the playback of the event simultaneously with the playback of the
9 event on each of the remaining client apparatuses.
- 1 14. A system as recited in claim 13, wherein the event includes a video and audio
2 presentation.
- 1 15. A system as recited in claim 13, wherein the type of the playback device is
2 identified utilizing the network.
- 1 16. A system as recited in claim 13, wherein the network is a wide area network.
- 1 17. A system as recited in claim 13, and further comprising logic for storing on
2 the client apparatus an identifier of a host server that sent the command.
- 1 18. A system as recited in claim 13, wherein the memory includes a digital video
2 disc (DVD).